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For: **METHOD FOR ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS IN BULLETIN BOARD AND
SYSTEM USING BULLETIN BOARD**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in a Taiwanese Patent for the corresponding application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the reference relied upon by the foreign examiner. The relevance to the pending

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1	English translation of corresponding Taiwan drawings dated March 1998
2	English translation of the Taiwanese patent pp. 1-59

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